

Paragraphs 4 and 5 from 11 September 1953 draft of SE-51.

4. As long as the present cabinet remains in power, the Communists will be in a position gradually to increase their influence. If this cabinet remains in power for an extended period of time, the Communists may ultimately be in a position to dominate Indonesia. However, we do not believe that the Communists will be able to gain control over the government during the expected life of this cabinet.

5. It is impossible to estimate with confidence the probable future trends in Indonesian political developments. On balance, however, we believe, on the basis of present indications, that the Communists will not achieve a dominating position in Indonesia, either through armed force or political action, during the next twelve months.